

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

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1-79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface for use on a computer system, the graphical user interface enables the determination of display element attribute values for a display element that represents an object in a composite view, the composite view containing a plurality of views, the display element having at least one attribute associated therewith, each attribute having at least one attribute value, the graphical user interface comprising:

a receiving interface to receive a display element attribute value request;

a view determiner to determine the composite view for the display element based upon the display element attribute value request; and

a value ascertainment to ascertain at least one attribute value for the display element based upon the composite view. ~~The interface of claim 76, wherein said value ascertainment is further~~  
configured to:

~~receive a request for a display element attribute value using a composite view;~~

~~when said attribute is single-valued, search each of the plurality of views view~~  
contained by said composite view for a value for said attribute and return said value.

~~when said attribute is single-valued;~~

~~collect all values for said attribute for each view contained by said composite~~  
~~view when said attribute is multi-valued;~~

~~merge said values; and~~

~~return said merged values.~~

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81-89. (Canceled)

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90. (New) The graphical user interface as defined in claim 80, wherein said value ascertainment is further configured to, when said attribute is multi-valued, collect all values for said attribute for each of the plurality of views contained by said composite view, merge said values obtained by said collecting, and return said merged values.

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